



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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8/31/01

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SE-5J

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** AUG 31 2001

**SUBJECT:** ACTION MEMORANDUM - Request for a Time Critical Removal Action at the Western Forge Works Site, East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois

**FROM:** Kevin R. Turner, On-Scene Coordinator  
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Emergency Response Section 2  
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**TO:** William E. Muno, Director  
Superfund Division

**THRU:** Richard Karl, Chief  
Emergency Response Branch  
Site ID#: B5U7

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval to expend up to \$179,901.68 to abate an imminent and substantial threat to public health and the environment present at the Western Forge Works Site, East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois (Latitude - 38° 37'28.5" North and Longitude - 90° 08'11" West). This action is necessary to mitigate the immediate threat to public health and the environment posed by the presence of uncontrolled hazardous substance on Site, including soils containing lead.

The response action proposed herein will mitigate Site conditions by removal and off-site disposal of the contaminated soil. The high levels of lead in surface soil at concentrations considered hazardous, the Site's proximity to residential properties and other business requires that this action be classified as a time critical removal. The project will require an estimated working 15 days to complete.

There are no nationally significant or precedent setting issues associated with the Western Forge Works Site. The Western Forge Works Site is not on the National Priorities List (NPL).

*Approved  
WEM  
8/31/01*

CONCURRENCE REQUESTED									
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REMOVAL PROGRAM  
ACTION MEMORANDUM  
ROUTING SLIP

Western Forge Works  
(Site Name)

Don't forget to sign the yellow!

- 1) ON-SCENE COORDINATOR (MC SE-5J or SE-GI) Michael Harris 8/22/01  
(Assures that Enforcement Confidential Addendum from the Enforcement Specialist is included; the Administrative Record (AR) Documents are available and the draft AR Index is included)
- 2) ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS COORDINATOR (MC SMR-7J) J. Pfundheller 8/23/01  
(Jan Pfundheller: Assures that the AR is complete and the "Official AR Index" is included...1-day turnaround)
- 3) SECRETARY, RS I/II/III (MC SE-5J or SE-GI) Apple 8/22/01  
(RS-I Secretary (Grosse Isle) will mail AM to RS-III Secretary for tracking purposes...1-day turnaround)
- 4) OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL: (C-14J)  
STAFF ATTORNEY (Tom Martin) R. J. for TM 8/22/01  
ORC SUPERVISOR ( ) RCJ for ORC 8/22/01 - (see comment)  
(3-day turnaround on this document per the ORC-WMD Memorandum of Understanding)
- 5) CHIEF, RS I/II/III (MC SE-5J or SE-GI) WJ 8/29/01  
(3-day turnaround)
- 6) CHIEF, ERB (MC SE-5J) (Rick Karl) Thomas Kersley 8/31/01  
(3-day turnaround)
- 7) ERB SECRETARY (LOG-OUT) (MC SE-5J) ABeck 8/30/01  
(1-day turnaround)
- 8) DIRECTOR, SUPERFUND DIVISION (William Muno) WEM 8/31/01  
(MC S-6J)
- 9) FINAL PROCESSING: MC SE-5J  
TO RS-II SECRETARY (For RS-II Action Memos)  
TO RS-III SECRETARY (For RS-I and RS-III Action Memos)

(Original Action Memo, yellow copy, and this sheet are filed in ERB Site File. Photocopies of signed original go to OSC and to D.O. File (with D.O. and P.R.); bcc's are distributed.)